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Turkeys Raised 2007-Intentions 2008


HARRISBURG, PA, Jan 8, 2008 - - Producers raised 11.0 million turkeys in 2007 an increase of 5 percent from the 10.5 million turkeys raised in 2006, according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Turkeys raised in the United States during 2007 totaled 272 million birds, up 4 percent from 262 million turkeys raised during 2006.

Minnesota ranked first in the number raised with 48.0 million, followed by North Carolina with 39.0 million, Arkansas with 31.0 million, Virginia with 22.0 million, Missouri with 20.0 million, California with 16.0 million, and Indiana with 15.3 million. These states accounted for 70 percent of the turkeys produced in the United States during 2007.

Producers in Pennsylvania reported intentions to be 11.2 million turkeys during 2008, which would be 200,000 more than the turkeys raised in 2007. Turkey growers in 23 States intend to increase the number of birds raised by 2 percent in 2008. These states produced over 99 percent of the turkeys raised in 2007. Intentions for the top seven producing States, compared with 2007, are as follows: Minnesota up 2 percent, North Carolina unchanged, Arkansas up 3 percent, Virginia up 2 percent, Missouri up 5 percent, California up 4 percent, and Indiana up 6 percent.

The number of turkeys actually raised in 2008 may vary from growers' intentions depending on feed costs, supply of hatching eggs, cost of poults, and prices growers receive for turkeys during the next few months.

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